The White Pass & Yukon Railway: Was it Canadian or American?

The July issue of *The BNA Perforator*, the newsletter of the Perfins Study Group of the British North America Philatelic Society, includes a question posed by Michael Dicketts after reading a note in the March issue of *The Perfins Bulletin*.



In our coverage of the earliest known use of perfins in each state, we mentioned that the only known perfin to originate in Alaska was W171, the White Pass and Yukon Railway of Skagway (WP/&/YR). Dicketts notes that the Canadian catalog lists this as pattern W11 and assigns the railroad's home base to Whitehorse, Yukon Territory.

So, asks Dicketts, is the WP/&/YR pattern a Canadian perfin that was used on U.S. stamps or a U.S. perfin that was used on Canadian stamps?

Can any *Bulletin* readers help with more history of this railroad? Let the editor know.